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## Fwd: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee

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Thu, Nov 19, 2015 at 3:36 PM

To: David Ryu &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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From: **Tony** <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Mon, Nov 16, 2015 at 3:01 PM  
Subject: Re: The Communications Tower on Mt. Lee  
To: George <[REDACTED]>

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Well said George, hey why should we worry now, it's NO BIG!!!

Thank you.  
Tony

On Nov 16, 2015, at 2:33 PM, George Clark <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Joe,

Thank you for a quick reply.

I too presumed that is a soft hi value target that any hiker with a backpack could destroy if they wanted. I am glad to hear losing it would be no biggie for LA!

I too remember when access was more restricted in much less dangerous times. I still run that road every week but would gladly find other running routes to help improve safety.

But if it's not a big deal if we lost it as far as LA goes I am very relieved to hear it.

Thanks,

Sincerely,

George  
<[REDACTED]>

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M:  
Skype:

On Nov 16, 2015, at 2:19 PM, Joseph Castro <[joseph.castro@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.castro@lacity.org)> wrote:

Mr Escott,

The road is restricted to vehicular traffic. Additionally, the facility is guarded 24/7 both with the physical presence of officers and video surveillance. And while the Mt Lee facility is an important communication hub, the LAFD does not rely solely on it for emergency communications, we have several redundant options available. The facility itself is fully fenced in and secure.

The vulnerability of the thousands of facilities over the nearly 400 square miles of the city is a constant sources of concern and something we continually evaluate. Both the LAFD and LAPD have sworn personnel attached to the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) who report back to us with actionable Intel on a daily basis.

I'm always available at my office on Bronson Ave. to elaborate further.

Joe

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On Mon, Nov 16, 2015 at 1:53 PM, Tj [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Shortly after you took office a group of us, from Hollywoodland and Lake Hollywood Estates met with you and your staff at city hall. Jennifer Cohen of DOT, Officers Manny Romeral and Phil Walters of the LAPD were also in attendance.

During the meeting the issue of the communications tower atop Mt. Lee came up and both Walters and Romeral wonder why the the road accessing the communications tower was not restricted, sighting that both the LAPD and LAFD relied on those towers for their communications. Both officers saying, they considered the tower to be a " soft target " especially attractive due to the proximity to the Hollywood Sign.

Due to the events of this passed Friday night in Paris those words resonate with particular significance.

Councilman Ryu, there was a time when the access to the tower was restricted. I used to run daily in the hills, if I tried to run that service road I was met with either a ranger or an LAPD officer and was either ticketed or escorted off the hill.

It is time that the city once again restricts access to the tower out of an abundance of caution.

Please let me know your thoughts on the matter.